

Important Public Hearing Notice on Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program

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----- PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE -----

Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program

To notify property owners of the following two official public hearings before the City Council

Purpose of the hearing:

2012 Recommended Assessment RatesTo ratify recommended assessment rates for 2012 services. Written and oral statements will be considered by the

Council at this meeting.

Hearing time and location:

Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15

Kellogg Blvd. W.

2013 Proposed Assessment Rates

To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2013 program. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

Assessment Information:

The recommended 2012 rates and proposed 2013 rates are listed on the reverse side.

The Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment Policy sets policies for calculating the assessment based on assessable frontage and established assessment rates. A copy of the policy can be found at www.stpaul.gov/assessments under the ROW Maintenance Assessment tab.

Visit our link at www.stpaul.gov/assessments to view assessment information, or call 651-266-8858 with guestions.

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Recommended 2012 Right-of-Way Assessment and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance (if applicable)—THIS IS NOT A BILL

Property ID Number: 123 Main Street
06-28-22-21-9999

Street Class

Oiled/Paved Residential Streets
Oiled/Paved Alleys

Rate		Frontage		Amount		
\$3.42/foot	Χ	40 feet	=	\$136.80		
\$0.78/foot	Χ	40 feet	=	\$31.20		
Tota	\$168.00					

Assessment Rates per Foot and Service Levels

See other side for the recommended assessment for your property

Street Class	Description	2012 Recommended Rates	2013 Proposed Rates	Services Provided
1-A	Downtown Streets (Paved) All Properties (except residential condos) Residential Condominiums	\$17.78 \$3.42	\$18.26 \$3.51	Flush and sweep twice/week, street overlays, pavement repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
1-B	Downtown Streets (Brick) All Properties (except residential condos) Residential Condominiums	\$21.52 \$3.42	\$22.10 \$3.51	Flush and sweep twice/week, brick repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
2	Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets Commercial Property Residential Property	\$8.97 \$3.65	\$9.21 \$3.75	Flush and sweep 6 to 10 times/year, street overlays, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
3	Oiled/Paved Residential Streets Commercial Property Residential Property	\$6.61 \$3.42	\$6.79 \$3.51	Flush and sweep each spring and fall, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, emergency service, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
4	Oiled/Paved Alleys Commercial Property Residential Property	\$1.23 \$0.78	\$1.26 \$0.80	Flush and sweep each spring, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement
5	Unimproved Street Right-of-Way Commercial Property Residential Property	\$3.28 \$1.85	\$3.37 \$1.90	Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, boulevard tree maintenance, ordinance enforcement
6	Unimproved Alley Right-of-Way Commercial Property Residential Property	\$0.59 \$0.40	\$0.61 \$0.41	Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
7	Above-Standard Lighting Commercial Property Institutional Property Residential Property	Rates vary by lighting district	Rates vary by lighting district	Provide electricity for above-standard street light fixtures. Maintain, repair and replace fixtures as needed. Paint light poles on approximately a 7-year cycle.

What services are not provided by the Right-of-Way Program?

(These services are the abutting property owner's responsibility)

- Shoveling of sidewalks
- Plowing of alleys
- Mowing of boulevard grass
- Repair and replacement of outwalks
- Repair and replacement of driveways
- Repair and replacement of hard-surface boulevards
- Replacement of downtown sidewalks

Why are the 2013 proposed rates higher than 2012?

For 2013, the City proposes an average rate increase of 2.7%. This increase is necessary to cover the rising costs of providing right-of-way maintenance service, along with new debt payments associated with replacing the city's aging fleet of snow plows and other heavy equipment.

What is the Above-Standard Lighting charge? Do I have to pay it?

The charge pays for electricity, repair, replacement and painting of decorative street lighting fixtures in above standard street lighting districts located Downtown and in outlying commercial areas. Beginning in 2010, the charge was combined with the Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment in order to reduce billings and administrative costs. Only properties that are currently within existing above standard street lighting districts are billed for this service.

What is the cost to provide Right-of-Way maintenance services?

In 2012 the estimated total cost is \$33.4 million. Of this amount, the City expects to collect \$26.5 million in assessments. The remainder comes from Municipal State Aid, Trunk Highway Aid, County Aid and miscellaneous receipts.

Can I appeal my Right-of-Way Assessment?

Property owners may appeal to the District Court. A notice stating the grounds for the appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within 20 days of the order adopting the assessment. The same notice also must be filed with the Clerk of District Court within 10 days of filing with the City Clerk. NOTE: Failure to file the notices within the specified time forever prohibits an appeal from the assessment. While the assessment is under appeal, Section 64.06 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires that regular payments be made. If the appeal is successful, the payments will be refunded.

Whom can I call for more information?

Right-of-way maintenance services:

Streets and alleys – 651-266-9700 (24-hour service number)

Sidewalks - 651-266-6120

Traffic signs/markings and lighting – 651-266-9777

Boulevard tree trimming - 651-632-5129

Assessments:

Real Estate Section - 651-266-8858

Within 10 days following the October 3rd public hearing you will receive an invoice for the 2012 Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment for your property. You may pay your assessment by November 15th without interest or wait until it appears on your 2013 property tax statement with interest.